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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 2 p.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

(Legislative day of Friday, August 1, 2014)

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by Rev. Adam Briddell, Associate Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Holy God, we give You thanks for the abundance of Your blessings and the promise You have made to Your people—a promise to never fail or forsake us. So You have sent Your Spirit, a spirit of truth, courage, grace, and love; a spirit that calls us together in fellowship because we are so much stronger when we are united and not divided.

May Your Spirit be at work in the hearts of the men and women of this great Chamber. May all find the courage to choose Your righteousness over self-righteousness. Let Your truth inspire us to great acts of grace and love. This day and every day may we be found faithful to who You are and who You are calling us to be.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 5, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CARL LEVIN, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LEVIN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Delaware.

BUDGETARY REVISIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I previously filed budgetary aggregates and committee allocations for budget years 2014 and 2015 pursuant to section 116 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Today, I am adjusting those levels.

Section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 establishes statutory limits on discretionary spending and allows for various adjustments to those limits, while sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act allows the Chairman of the Budget Committee to establish and make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments. On August 1, 2014, the Senate passed one bill that is eligible for an adjustment under the Congressional Budget Act: H.J. Res 76, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Resolution, 2014, which includes \$225 million in budget authority and \$150 million in outlays in 2014 and \$75 million in outlays in 2015 that is designated as emergency funding pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Consequently, I am revising the budgetary aggregates for 2014 by a total of \$225 million in budget authority and \$150 million in outlays. For 2015 I am revising the budgetary aggregates by \$75 million in outlays. I am also revising the budget authority and outlay

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